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### HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON

Will Form Crowning Figure of  
Monument to Pioneers at  
Denver.

(By Charles M. Harvey, in the Century Magazine)

In selecting Kit Carson as the crowning figure for his memorial to the pioneers, which is to be unveiled in Denver, Colo., Mr. MacMonnies chose wisely. Hunters, settlers, and miners comprise the groups on the different sides of the monument, with an heroic equestrian statue of this noted frontiersman as the most striking feature. In his various activities, Carson played many parts, including those of hunter, ranchman and miner. As historians and writers of western romance picture him, Kit Carson was solely an Indian fighter and scout. Frontier exigencies, indeed, compelled him to be these, but he was much more. He was a sagacious civic chief, as well as an intrepid leader in wars, Indian foreign and civil; a wise counselor of red men and white; a man who touched the west's wild life at more points than any other person of any day; a man who blazed trails on which great commonwealths were afterward built, and who helped to build some of them.

First as a teamster on the Santa Fe Trail, of which Franklin was then the eastern terminus, then as a worker at the copper mines on the Gila, and, afterward as a hunter, trapper, and guide across the west's wide spaces, Carson traversed a large part of the region from the Missouri to the Sacramento from the Gulf of California to the upper reaches of the Columbia, and, as exigencies demanded, alternately fighting, fleeing from, or affiliating with Comanches, Apaches, Sioux, Pawnees and Blackfeet. Thus he was thrown into active association with St. Vrain, the Bents, Edwin Young, Fitzpatrick and mountaineers of the Bridger, the Sublette and other well-known plainsmen and mountaineers of the middle third of the nineteenth century, and won a reputation for initiative, versatility and daring which made him a marked figure among the frontiersmen of his day. Moreover, in the midst of his exciting activities he found time to marry, to establish a home, and to practice the civic virtues which refusing to lend themselves to picturesque treatment, have eluded the writers of romance.

At this time, May, 1842, Lieutenant John C. Fremont, on his way up the Mississippi with the first of his exploration parties, fell in with Carson and induced him to enter the government service as the official guide of the expedition.

Carson, then a little less than thirty-three years of age, was already a national character. The association which began at that time lasted to the end of the Mexican war.

Washington, a city which saw many strange spectacles, had a novel sight on the June day of 1847 when Kit Carson entered it with letters from Fremont. In various phrase, this is the substance of what the newspapers of Washington, New York and Boston said: Here is the man who has blazed paths for the Pathfinder from the mouth of the Missouri to the Golden Gate; who, in 1846, guided General Stephen W. Kearny's column of the Army of the West through New Mexico to the Pacific; who, when Kearny was surrounded and besieged by the Mexicans, brought Commodore Stockton's forces to the rescue; and who has just ridden from Los Angeles, nearly 4,000 miles, with a military escort for the first 1,200 miles of the way, eluding or fighting Mexicans and Indians, as circumstances dictated, carrying to President Polk and to War Secretary Marcy the story of the conquest of California and of the raising of the Stars and Stripes along the Pacific coast.

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led with even a smaller amount of historical imagination, will enable us to picture the sensation which Carson and his story caused at the capital. Polk, Webster, Clay, and the other statesmen who met him were impressed with his quiet dignity, his candor, and the absence of swagger in his demeanor. No longer could Congress listen with the old-time seriousness to the tales of the alleged Sahara barrenness of the western plains for Fremont's story, just published in its first installment, told of streams, of occasional tracts of timber, and of vast herds of buffalo. And here in Washington was the man who had piloted Fremont on his expeditions. From this time dates the decline of the myth of the Great American desert, which the reports of Pike and of Long and Irving's chronicle of the overland march of the Astorians projected across the map of the second quarter of the nineteenth century from the western border of Missouri to the Sierra Nevada. With their imperialist notions, Senators Benton, Cass and Douglas saw in Carson the advance courier of manifest destiny. With the modesty which was one of his characteristics, Carson declined to accept himself at the appraisal which Washington gave him. As he viewed them, his achievements were merely part of his day's work, for the performance of which he deserved no special credit. Accordingly he left the capital gladly with the dispatches which Polk gave him for the military commander in California, and then, after another journey back to Washington, he returned, in 1848, to Taos, and resumed the life of a ranchman, which had been interrupted six years earlier.

Although more than forty-two years have passed since Carson's death many of his acquaintances are still living in various parts of the west. In talks which I have had with some of them in the past year or two they revealed him on a side which the historical and fiction writers never disclosed. As a youth on the plains I caught a glimpse of him in the last year of his life, and as he had always been a hero to me as a boy beyond any other frontier character, I was surprised at the absence in his appearance of everything traditionally associated with the aspect of an Indian fighter. Although he was still alert and resolute, his face had the kindly look which reminded me of Father De Smet, the head of the mission among the Flatheads on the Bitter Root river, in Montana, whom I had met shortly before that time.

## THE DAILY ROUND UP.

### AUTUMN.

(By Lalla Mitchell in the Columbian.)

Along the meadow's daisied rim,

The verdure droops and dies,

The skies grow dark, the sun grows dim

The aster stricken lies.

Sudden and brown, the garden shows

No flower to charm or cheer

While every wind that westward blows

Proclaims the Autumn here.

The robins to their nests have fled

In southern dell and dale,

And through the stubble brown is sped

The storm call of the quail

The bees to honeyed cells have come,

The fire fly shrinks in fear,

Death waits so near, so near for some,

When Autumn-time is here.

Neath skies of June, my heart was gay,

I wandered far and free;

Life's purpose to make holiday

Where blossoms deck the lea.

But there's a call in frost-filled air

And Duty's voice is clear.

I onward go to do and dare

When Autumn-time is here.

Jail Sentence for Fighting—Guadalupe Montoya was given ten days in jail at Las Vegas for fighting while drunk.

Toes of News Agent Cut Off—A newsboy on a Santa Fe train, in alighting at Winslow, Arizona, yesterday, slipped and had the toes of one foot cut off by the wheels.

Fined for Vagrancy—Pablo Lucero given ten days in jail upon his failure to pay \$10 fine at Albuquerque yesterday on the charge of vagrancy. Gele-dosa Mesa was fined \$5 with the alternative of five days in jail.

Divorce Granted—A decree of divorce has been granted in district court at Albuquerque to Mrs. H. E. Patrick from H. E. Patrick on account of non-support. The woman's maiden name, Ora Kline, was restored.

Two Boys Plead Guilty—In district court at Albuquerque, Frank C. Mitchell, aged eighteen, pleaded guilty to larceny from a house. Louis Bertoulso also pleaded guilty to larceny. He was sent to jail for six months more. He is aged eighteen.

Governor Stover Entertains the Boys—Ex-Governor E. S. Stover of Albuquerque who is coming as a delegate to the constitutional convention, last evening entertained fifty or more small boys of the Duke City turning over to them his spacious home and lawn.

Jap Marries White Girl at Raton—Joe Wyeno, a Japanese hailing from Walsenburg, Colorado, and Miss Jessie Montgomery of Trinidad, were married by Justice of the Peace

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